

Harry Frazee Won't Be Driven Out, But May Sell Ball Club

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Announcement by Hub Magnate Says Meeting Was Not Peaceful

By Berndt

## FRAZEE WON'T GIVE IN TO BAN JOHNSON, THOUGH HE MAY WISH TO SELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—With Ban Johnson quoted as saying he has "found certified evidence of gambling at Fenway Park," and that he will drive Harry H. Frazee from baseball, a warm scrap is expected. Furthermore, if Johnson is correctly quoted, it gives a lie to the statements from American League magnates that the annual meeting was calm and pacific, utterly lacking in all the elements of an old-fashioned shindig. It is unreasonable that Ban and Frazee met with sweet concord on Thursday and that Ban should two days later threaten to "drive Frazee from baseball."

New York fans laugh at Johnson's alleged statement about "gambling at Fenway Park." They are well aware of conditions at the Polo Grounds, no matter whether the Yankees or the Giants are the attraction. The third base pavilion is notoriously filled with berles ruffs upon their ranks for the past couple of years. If Johnson tries to fasten blame upon Frazee for the presence of gamblers at Fenway Park, the Boston magnate is likely to make Johnson drive all his magnates from the league, for gambling exists in greater or lesser degree at all major league ball parks.

That Day Is Gone—The day for driving men out of baseball is past," said Connie Mack on his arrival in Philadelphia from Chicago. Connie should know, for he wanted Clark Griffith "driven from the league" a couple of years ago after forfeiting a game at Shibe Park. Griffith is still in the league.

It is simply up to Frazee whether he gets out or not," continued Mack. "You know, there are some people who want to do a thing and cause trouble in order to have an excuse for doing it, but in this case it is different. If he wants to sell out, it can be arranged, but no one is going to drive him or anyone else out of our league."

"I had quite a talk with Frazee in

Chicago, and I guess our conversation got pretty hot at times. He asked me if I had said things about him that had been published and I told him I did, and I thought I was giving him a boost. I have no reason to pick a quarrel with Frazee, but he doesn't seem to fit in with the other men in our league. He just doesn't belong."

Frazee is a fighter. Those who know Frazee claim him to be a fighter for his rights as he sees them. They do not hesitate in saying that Frazee believes his brother magnates are jealous of his success in coming into the league as a stranger to the game and winning world's championship honors almost at once.

It is possible that the Boston magnate will sell his holdings, but he will never do so, say these friends, if he thinks that action is being forced by Ban Johnson. Frazee doesn't like to be compelled to do anything.

It is well known that when Joseph J. Lannin sold his club to Frazee he did so without the knowledge of Johnson. The league boss expressed himself very warmly on that subject and Lannin answered in kind. Therefore, Frazee found everybody hostile right at the start of his baseball career. He has never found the way smooth for one minute, and that, say his friends, is his reason for making a fight now.

## Just a Peek Into the Sport Telescope



## COLLEGES WILL GATHER TO TALK LEAGUE PLANS

District Intercollegiate Basketball League activities will be talked over at the Y. M. C. A. tonight with the idea of continuing the circuit. George Washington University, through Manager Charley Allen, is expected to give out its decision to resume the floor game.

With the Hatchettes in line, it is presumed that the league will get under way with Catholic University, Gallaudet and Maryland State College playing Saturday nights at the Y. M. C. A.

Prof. C. Edward Beckett, president of the organization, is optimistic over prospects. "It looked for a while as though the league would be forced to discontinue. Now things look bright, and if C. U., State and Gallaudet have not completed their schedules to interfere with the resumption of the league, the games will be played," says Prof. Beckett.

State, Catholic University and George Washington have done nothing on the floor as yet. The students are being released from the S. A. T. C. units as fast as possible. The machinery of the colleges will be in smooth working order after Christmas, it is said, at which time it will be possible to go ahead on the pre-war basis for athletics.

George Washington's reconsideration of basketball, if the faculty gives favorable action for the sport, will mean that basketball play will be offered for the colleges during the winter.

Tomorrow afternoon Technical High School, leading the scholastic basketball league, will play Western in the Business gymnasium. The contest is scheduled to start at 3:45 p. m. and Earl Fuller is down to officiate.

At the Y. M. C. A. at the same hour Central is down to tackle the Business team. Both Tech and Business have won their engagements. Tech defeated Eastern by 17 to 10, last Thursday Central by a 15 to 14 score in extra time.

Business defeated Western by 14 to 13 in a last minute rally. Business will give Central all it is looking for as the team has improved mightily and will have Johnny Goetz in addition to the regulars.

Basketball is unusually popular with the scholastic followers as seen in the recent Tech-Central contest which packed the Y. M. C. A. to the limit. It is expected that the Business-Central battle tomorrow will bring out a full gallery and preparations are being made to handle a banner crowd.

Track work will be started in earnest after the holidays. Four of the schools are expecting a banner year on the cinder path and are looking to get a line on every available runner.

Considerable more attention will be paid to inter-class baseball this spring than ever before in the various schools. There was a proposition among the high school athletes to cut down on altogether abolish the high school baseball schedule in favor of track, tennis and swimming, which would take in many more boys than the present baseball plan.

Georgetown Preps and Gonzaga appear to have a whole lot on the other side of the pond. After dropping a 22-to-3 game to Gonzaga, the Preps have started off in fine shape. Western was beaten 14 to 9, and then Business was taken into camp by a score of 18 to 11.

Gonzaga has ridden roughshod over all of the high schools. Central was beaten 12 to 11, and Business was handily defeated 19 to 6. Then Western was licked by 24 to 23, the game being pulled out of the fire in the last minute.

Technical will have a busy week, according to Coach Apple. Western will be met tomorrow. Friday Tech will play Gonzaga, while the midgests will play the Gonzaga midgests. At the same time the Tech Freshmen will play the Eastern Freshmen, and the Tech reserves will battle the Eastern reserves.

Following tomorrow's games in the High School League, other arrangements will be made for staging a double-header on Tuesday, if a suitable hall can be obtained.

GIANTS SIGN MORAN. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Pat Moran, deposed manager of the Phillies, has been signed by the Giants as coach for the pitchers. It is understood his salary will be \$2,000.

NAME MANAGER SOON. CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—The 1919 manager of the Reds will be named at a meeting of the stockholders here January 1.

FOSTER SPRAINS ANKLE. Frank Foster, Central's basketball captain, may be out of tomorrow's Business-Central game. Foster sprained his ankle running for a car last Thursday.

TWO TEAMS ARE IDLE. Army and Navy Preps and the St. Albans basketball teams will be idle as far as games are concerned until after the Christmas holidays.

## TEN YEARS AGO IN SPORTS

Mickey Keilher, the crack player at Carroll Institute, was said to be regaling his old form on the floor. Keilher got six baskets from the floor.

A trainful of horses from the Alfred G. and Reginald Vanderbilt stables arrived in Chicago for the horse show.

Field, of the Argies, topped the Departmental League bowlers with an average of 191 for the big pins. He had rolled in thirty-three games.

After fifteen rounds of hard milling, Referee Pat O'Connor awarded Dummy Decker a decision over Kid Gilbert in Baltimore.

Engineers, Fort Myer, Fort Hunt, and Fort Monroe picked a football team to play an all-navy combination here.

James E. Sullivan, president of the A. A. U., announced plans for the erection of a stadium for New York city which would surpass anything of its kind in the world.

Mickey Gannon, the rugged Pitt fighter, put Lew Myers, of New York, to sleep in the second round before the Nonpareil Club, of Philly.

## INDUSTRIAL HOME LADS WANT CHANCE AT GAMES

Industrial Home School football players, averaging 140 pounds, want a chance to get games with the Naval Gunners and the Trinity A. C. players.

Trinity claimed the title disputed by the Naval Gunners and in the play-off the Gunners won a 5 to 0 victory. The Industrial Home School boys are out with a challenge to take on the Naval Gunners on Sunday.

Sam Cherry is the moving spirit at the Industrial Home School and maintains his eleven is ready for the battle.

## DUNCAN, ENGLISH GOLFER, INJURED IN AIR ACCIDENT

LONDON, Dec. 16.—George Duncan, the famous English golfing professional, who has been in the Royal Flying Corps since 1915, has met with a serious accident as the result of an aeroplane falling upon him. He sustained a badly bruised thigh and will be laid up for some time.

Duncan is anxious to commence practicing for the open golf championship, which will be resumed next year. The Hanger Hill player has announced his intention of touring the United States next summer with Harry Vardon, of South Heats; James Braid, of Mid-Surrey, and J. H. Taylor, of Wat-Surrey.

## MAXAM WILL STICK.

Lieut. Bob Maxam, rated as one of the best flyers in naval aviation, will not return to Penn. Maxam has made an enviable record in the clouds as on the cinders. While at Penn he was credited with 49 flat for the mile. Maxam has returned to Pensacola, Fla., for further training.

## PIRATES GET DE HART.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 16.—Jimmy De Hart, former star baseball and football player at Pittsburgh U., has signed with the Pirates for a trial at first or second base. He is now in the aviation corps at Mather Field, Cal.



## CURVE ZONE RULE SHIFT THIS YEAR

No interpretation meeting of the joint intercollegiate, Y. M. C. A., and Amateur Athletic Union basketball rules is to be held this fall as has been done in the past, and plans for the sport, especially in the colleges, are very much unsettled.

The only change in the rules of the game this year is that the curved zone, which was adopted last year has been modified so that now instead of a curve, extending from the end of the courts to a point two feet beyond directly behind the baskets, there is an end zone two feet wide along each end of the court.

This change was explained by Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, of Princeton, chairman of the joint rules committee.

"The only changes in the rules of the game deal with the end zones which were established last year. These zones proved to be a success and the light of the season's experience."

"Consequently the shape of the end zones and the rules governing play therein may be summarized as follows: The end zone is a rectangle extending the full width of the court and two feet in depth instead of being an arc as provided last year."

## JACK DEMPSEY HOPES FOR SPEEDY WIN OVER MORRIS

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Jack Dempsey, who meets Carl Morris tonight in a twenty-round bout at the Crescent A. C., hopes for a speedy victory over the Oklahoma giant. He says he will do his best to put his man away in the very first round.

"I am in the best of shape," says Dempsey. "Morris is a big man, bigger than I am, but he can't keep me away from him, and if I can put over the wallop in the first round, it's knocking over. There'll be no hanging back on my part."

"I am going to surprise Dempsey this time," says Morris. "I have trained faithfully for this bout, and he's going to know it before it ends."

## CHICAGO AND MINNESOTA NOT SPEAKING ANY MORE

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A severance of athletic relations between Chicago and Minnesota is indicated by the publications of the football and basketball schedules of the two universities, in which there is no hint of a game between the old-time rivals.

The Maroons refused to book a football game with the Gophers at Saturday's conference chart-making session.

The absence of Minnesota in the Chicago basketball schedule is taken to mean that the Gophers are resolutely themselves for the football slight by passing up other forms of competition with the Maroons.

## GOSNELL IS HURT.

"Goody" Gosnell, Tech's basketball captain, sold out of commission with a mild case of the "flu." While in the Central-Tech basketball game last week and was shaken up so badly he has not rounded into form as yet.

## WIGHT OUT OF GAME.

Donald Wight, Western's veteran guard, is out of commission with a mild case of the "flu." Wight may be ready for tomorrow's game with Tech, although he was unable to play Friday against Gonzaga.

## LOOKING 'EM OVER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER

"Oh well, if we'd had all our best boxers in the tournament we'd 'a' won hands down," has been heard from some foolish Americans speaking of the inter-allied boxing carnival in London. The British army won the trophy given by King George, but the British army or the British navy has all of the best British boxers in their ranks. All honor to those American boys who competed, for they could not have done so had they not worn the uniform of Uncle Sam.

K. O. Brown, of New York, defeated Stemons, of the British navy, in the flyweight class. Who in the dinkens is K. O. Brown, of New York?

Paul Moore, the Memphis bantam, defeated the great Jimmy Wilde. Moore is not considered the best bantam in this country, though his stock has taken a tremendous boost since his victory over the little Welshman.

Young Chaney, of Baltimore, proved himself the best featherweight by his victory in the finals over Eddie Coulon, another more or less unknown American. If you were to talk to Young Chaney's manager Johnny Kilbane, you'd get the loud guffaw.

Cal Delaney, of Cleveland, had to represent his country in the welterweight class against Sergeant Basham, of the British army, the English champion at the weight. Where was Jack Britton, America's best welter today?

And Augie Ratner had to go in with Mike O'Dowd, the world's middleweight champion, to save America's honor in the middleweight class.

It is to England's credit that Wilde, Smith, Basham and Bombardier Wells are wearing her uniform. So far as known, Mike O'Dowd is the lone American titleholder who went overseas. Pete Herman, possessor of the bantamweight crown, is in the navy, doing shore duty around New York.

Benny Leonard became a boxing instructor, engaging in exhibition bouts on the side for large purses. Johnny Kilbane was also an instructor until he was called to the front.

Ted Kid Lewis, who was a British citizen, and the war ended just in time to keep him from some "essential work." The less said about the bashful heavyweight champion the better.

No, America didn't have her best boxers in the tournament at London. They were not in uniform—that's why.

## Let Him Produce.

"I have certified information that gambling existed in the Boston ball park," says Ban Johnson. But has Ban "certified evidence that Harry Frazee knowingly allowed gambling at the Boston ball park?" That's something else again.

Connie's Experiment. Connie Mack, taking advantage of the unusually late start in 1919, will make an experiment of having his ball club train at Shibe Park. If he gets away with it, other clubs will follow suit next year.

Southern training trips have come because of the anxiety of the owners to have their players ready for the bell. No club could afford to be left at the post. It was found that the fans' enthusiasm was stirred up nicely by reading of the diamond heroes and their deeds down in Dixie.

With May 1 the opening day of the 1919 campaign, it may be possible for the 300 men to condition themselves in Philadelphia. If the fans retain their old-fashioned interest after knowing that the players have been working out right at home, Connie will have done a world of good.

Touring Dixie in the spring isn't all it's cracked up to be. We know, for we have done it. No club ever made any money on its exhibition games with bush league clubs in the South. Most of them finished on the other side of the ledger.

As for the players themselves, few

## SOCCER GAME WILL BE A MAJOR SPORT

While soccer football as a college sport suffered a severe check last season, George W. Orton, a member of the intercollegiate soccer rules committee, believes that it will be one of the most important intercollegiate sports of the country in a few years.

Orton is of the opinion that soccer is a sport which lends itself admirably to use as a game where large numbers of students must have exercise, and that for this reason it will be taken up more extensively now that the war is over, than ever before.

"For the first time in ten years," Orton is quoted as saying, "practically no advance was made last year by college soccer in this country. This was due directly to the war, and that it is not a permanent condition is proved by the fact that some of the colleges that gave up the game last year will return to the field this year."

"The evident necessity of economy no doubt will turn the eyes of many college physical directors to soccer, as this is a game which can be run with very little equipment, either as to playing fields or units. It appeals most strongly now to university authorities because they desire to get as many students as possible into sport, so that they may keep the entire student body up to a high state of physical fitness."

"The heavy indorsement of soccer by military heads will no doubt help along the game. The end of the war will undoubtedly see soccer again on the high tide of prosperity. This seems doubly sure because of the ever-widening grasp soccer is taking on the schools of the entire country."

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